

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Manens**

Case: **8703/CMP/CMP/RKK**

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Examiner: **Morgan, Eileen P**

Group Art Unit: **3723**

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Title: **PROCESSING PAD ASSEMBLY WITH ZONE CONTROL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 5, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 5, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any additional fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.